

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3252 - SB 3509**

February 20, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires recipients of federal assistance and benefits administered by state, county, or municipal agencies in Tennessee to present photo identification in order to receive or access benefits. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act to effectuate the purposes of this act.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Federal Food Stamp law at 7 C.F.R.273.2(f)(1)(vii) provides that the identity of the person making application shall be verified and may be verified through readily available documentary evidence or if unavailable through a collateral contact and provides examples of acceptable documentary evidence that an applicant may provide.
- Such evidence includes, but is not limited to, a driver's license, a work or school ID, and ID for health benefits or for other assistance or social services program, a voter registration card, wage stubs, or a birth certificate. Any documents which reasonably establish the applicant's identity must be accepted, and no requirement for a specific type of document, such as birth certificate, may be imposed.
- Federal Medicaid law at 42 C.F.R.435.407(a) provides evidence that must be accepted as satisfactory documentary evidence of both identity and citizenship and at (e) provides documents that may be accepted as proof of identity and that are accompanied with a document establishing citizenship from the documents in (b) through (d).
- DHS and other state or local agencies are required to follow federal regulations that govern federal programs and the federal requirements of the type of documents that an individual is authorized to use to establish identity to receive or access benefits.
- The provisions of this bill will not be enforced if they conflict with federal requirements regulating federal programs administered by state or local agencies.
- Requiring photo identification for any federal programs administered by state or local agencies for which federal rules and regulations permit such requirements for identity verification will not result in a significant fiscal impact on state or local governments.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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